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PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b)**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached forms PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously provided in one or more prior applications, Serial No. 09/359,809, filed July 23, 1999, Serial No. 08/943,125, filed October 3, 1997, which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/583,587 filed January 5, 1996

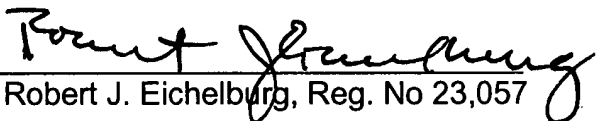
which is a CIP of Serial No. 08/487,436 filed June 7, 1995 upon which Applicant relies on for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under U.S. law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Patent Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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|                      | 4,985,251       | 01/15/91 | Levy            |       |           |                             |
|                      | 4,127,491       | 11/28/78 | Reick           | 252   | 22        |                             |
|                      | 4,474,669       | 10/02/84 | Lewis et al.    | 252   | 25        |                             |
|                      | 4,479,981       | 10/30/84 | Winters et al.  | 427   | 27        |                             |
|                      | 4,787,991       | 11/29/88 | Morozumi et al. | 252   | 25        |                             |
|                      | 3,224,966       | 12/21/65 | Li              | 508   | 106       |                             |
|                      | 5,114,886       | 05/19/92 | Tsukada         | 501   | 88        |                             |
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|   |  | 5,733,490                  | 03/31/98    | Phillips et al.   | 264          | 130                  |                                       |
|   |  | 5,728,742                  | 03/17/98    | Staples et al.  | 521          | 57                   |                                       |
|   |  | 5,723,159                  | 03/3/98     | Phillips et al.   | 425          | 461                  |                                       |
|   |  | 5,698,074                  | 12/16/97    | Barcus et al.   | 162          | 9                    |                                       |
|   |  | 5,672,640                  | 09/30/97    | Brauer  | 523          | 173                  |                                       |
|   |  | 5,675,277                  | 09/30/97    | Parke et al.  | 210          | 689                  |                                       |
|   |  | 5,662,633                  | 09/02/97    | Doak et al.   | 604          | 378                  |                                       |
|   |  | 5,626,154                  | 05/06/97    | Rogers et al.   | 132          | 200                  |                                       |
|   |  | 5,617,877                  | 04/08/97    | Moench et al.   | 128          | 837                  |                                       |
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|  |  | 5,534,304              | 07/09/96    | Geursen et al.  | 427          | 389.9            |                                   |
|  |  | 5,443,899              | 08/22/95    | Barcus et al.   | 428          | 288              |                                   |
|  |  | 5,389,166              | 02/14/95    | White   | 156          | 71               |                                   |
|  |  | 5,342,686              | 08/30/94    | Guersen et al.  | 428          | 378              |                                   |
|  |  | 5,268,229              | 12/07/93    | Phillips et al.   | 428          | 400              |                                   |
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|   |  | 4,740,528              | 04/26/98    | Garvey et al.   | 521          | 128              |                                       |
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|                      | 4,612,250       | 09/16/86 | Takeda et al.    | 524   | 555       |                            |
|                      | 4,618,631       | 10/21/86 | Takeda et al.    | 521   | 109       |                            |
|                      | 4,654,393       | 03/31/87 | Mikita et al..   | 526   | 240       |                            |
|                      | 4,677,174       | 06/30/87 | Alexander et al. | 526   | 240       |                            |
|                      | 4,703,067       | 10/27/87 | Mikita et al.    | 521   | 63        |                            |
|                      | 3,873,458       | 03/25/75 | Parkinson        |       |           |                            |
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